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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Carolyn A. Faour, et al.
Serial No.: 09/686,447
Filing Date: October 10, 2000
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR HANDLING A UNIT OF
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Dear Sir:

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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of these references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. No representation is made that a search has been made, that these references are material to the patentability of the present application, or that these references qualify as prior art.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of this application are patentably distinguishable from these references.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

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